

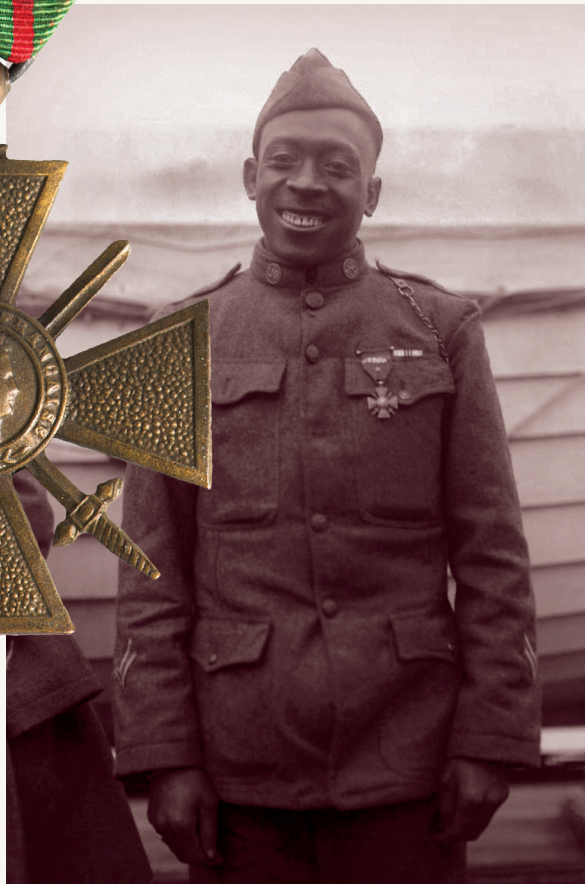
191 DAYS OF COMBAT

The Croix de Guerre with Palm



In less than three weeks of training, the soldiers of the 369th were taught how to navigate trench warfare, operate a machine gun, and avoid gas attacks. The soldiers were eager to prove their worth and they were exceptional in battle. On May 14, 1918, Private Henry Johnson, a young soldier from Albany, NY, single-handedly saved himself and his partner from a German attack with nothing but a broken rifle, a few hand grenades, and a bolo knife.

On September 26, 1918, the regiment captured the northern French town of Séchault. For their bravery, the 369th was awarded France's prestigious military honor for bravery, the Croix de Guerre.



Private Henry Johnson wearing the Croix de Guerre with Palm.
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Training in the trenches.

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The 369th regiment in French uniform.

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